(d) what will happen to the contracts already entered into with the authors?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) There is no decision to wind up the Directorate of Publications Division.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Ban on pornographic films

†3018. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that pornographic films are being shown in various parts of the country and the students have started agitations to ban these shows;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any measures to ban such film shows and the action proposed to be taken against the guilty; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has been receiving reports of violation of the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, by way of exhibition of uncertified films or films with interpolation of scenes deleted by the CBFC or insertion of portions not shown to the Board, in several States and Union Territories. Although enforcement of the Cinematograph Act is a State Government responsibility, yet CBFC has also hired a private detective agency for carrying out regular checks in the theatres, initially in the four metropolitan cities, to detect cases of violation of the provisions of the Act and report the same to the concerned State authorities for prompt investigation and possible prosecution.

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.